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SUBJECT: CURRENT SITUATION OF CONVICTED HELSINKI
GROUP MEMBERS

SUMMARY: MRS. ORLOV FINALLY MET WITH HER HUSBAND
AND HAS PROVIDED EMBOFF A REPORT OF MEETING. SHE
ALSO PROVIDED A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HER HUSBAND'S
APPEAL PROCEEDINGS. SHCHARANSKIY'S FAMILY HAS
RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIM. SLEPAK'S PLACE OF EXILE
WILL BE IN CHITINSKAYA OBLAST. END SUMMARY.

1. ORLOV. ON JULY 21, IRINA ORLOVA FINALLY WAS
GIVEN LONG-PROMISED MEETING WITH HER HUSBAND. SHE
LATER TRANSMITTED A WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING
TO EMBOFF. SHE ALSO SENT EMBOFF (VIA MUTUAL
FRIENDS) A COPY OF HER ACCOUNT OF ORLOV'S JULY 18
APPEAL PROCEEDINGS, WHICH SHE ATTENDED. BOTH DOCU-
MENTS ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV. SHE HAS SINCE
BEEN INFORMED THAT HER HUSBAND DEPARTED JULY 28
FOR THE PERM LABOR CAMP.

2. ACCORDING TO MRS. ORLOV, HER HUSBAND TOLD HER
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THAT HE HAD BEEN REPEATEDLY THREATENED WITH PROSECU-
TION UNDER ARTICLE 64, ESPIONAGE, FROM EARLIEST
DAYS AFTER HIS ARREST, ON GROUNDS HE HAD RECEIVED
LETTERS OF INSTRUCTION FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS. ORLOV
CHARACTERIZED CASE AGAINST SHCHARANSKIY AS A BARE-
FACED LIE, SAYING THAT ALL THE INFORMATION ON IT
WAS INCLUDED IN HIS OWN CASE. HE HAD DEMANDED TO

BE SUMMONED AS A WITNESS IN SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL.
(COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD FROM REFUSENIK SOURCES
THAT GINZBURG WAS ALSO THREATENED WITH
ARTICLE 64. PURPOSE IN BOTH CASES PRESUMABLY WAS
TO GET COOPERATION FROM THE ACCUSED MEN.)

3. ORLOV MADE A SERIES OF POINTS ABOUT LACK OF DUE
PROCESS IN HIS CASE: NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS SUPPOSEDLY
INCRIMINATING HIM WERE NEVER TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
EITHER IN TRIAL OR DURING INVESTIGATION; THE COURT
RECORD OF HIS TRIAL WAS FALSIFIED, WITH HIS EXPLANATION,
DEFENSE SPEECH, AND QUESTIONS TO WITNESSES SIMPLY
NOT INCLUDED; FALSE TESTIMONY ON HIS CASE WAS GIVEN
BY TWO WITNESSES WITH WHOM HE WAS NEVER ACQUAINTED --
LIPAVSKY AND GRADOBOYEV.

4. HE TOLD HER THAT DURING HIS LENGTHY PRE-TRIAL
DETENTION HE WAS QUESTIONED, ON THE AVERAGE, FIVE
TIMES EVERY TWO WEEKS. HE NOTED THAT IN THE FALL
OF 1977 HE WAS INTERROGATED EVERY DAY, FROM 11:00 A.M.
TO 7:00 P.M.

5. MRS. ORLOV SAYS SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S
HEALTH, SINCE HE DEVELOPED A SERIOUS CYSTITIS IN
EARLY SPRING WHICH CONTINUES TO TROUBLE HIM. HE HAS
LOST WEIGHT AND HAS AGED CONSIDERABLY. NEVERTHELESS,
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HE IS BEARING UP CALMLY AND FIRMLY AND PREPARING
HIMSELF FOR THE CAMP. THEIR MEETING LASTED FOR
FORTY MINUTES.

6. SHCHARANSKIY. ANATOLIY'S FAMILY HAS RECEIVED
A LETTER FROM HIM, WRITTEN IN VLADIMIR PRISON. WE
HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT CONTENTS AS YET, BUT HAVE BEEN
TOLD THAT HE MAY WRITE ONE LETTER A MONTH AND
RECEIVE AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF LETTERS.

7. SLEPAK. REFUSENIK SOURCES TELL US THAT VLADIMIR
SLEPAK IS BEING EXILED TO CHITINSKAYA OBLAST, NEAR
LAKE BAIKAL. THEY CHARACTERIZE IT AS NOT ONE OF
BEST PLACES FOR EXILE, BUT NOT ONE OF WORST. TOON

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